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1. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 11-320567 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 5 of the specification of the present application. Also, in lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of this non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof. An English-language abstract is also enclosed.

2. European Patent Application No. EP 1 075 929 B1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation of the claims is provided at columns 14-16 of the document.

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